

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

J. L. BOYD Custodian

P. O. BOX 392 - CLINTON, MISS.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

**FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

— Of The —

# **Greene County Baptist Association**

— Held At —

**WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Neely, Mississippi**

**October 14, 15 and 16, 1921**

---

— Next Meeting Will Be Held At —

**SAND HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Righton, Miss., Route 1**

**On October 13, 14 and 15, 1922**





**PROCEEDINGS**

— of the —

**FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

— of the —

**GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

---

**Washington Baptist Church**

**Neely, Miss., October 14, 15 and 16, 1921**

---

**Officers:**

Joe Walley, Moderator . . . . . Richton, Miss., Route 1  
Newton James, Sec'y-Treas. . . . . Leakesville, Miss.

---

**Number of Churches in Association—Nineteen.**

**Total Membership of all Churches—One Thousand Two  
Hundred Fifty-four**

### Ordained Ministers

---

D. P. Lankford	State Line, Miss.
✓ L. B. Golden	Leakesville, Miss.
✓ L. K. Turner	Richton, Miss., Route 1
M. W. Ball	Leakesville, Miss., Route 1

---

### Executive Board

---

E. M. Ball, Chairman	Leakesville, Miss., Route 1
D. R. Williams	Leakesville, Miss., Route 1
C. L. Kittrell	Leakesville, Miss., Route 1
Roy Kittrell	Leakesville, Miss., Route 1
J. C. Doughdrill	Leaf, Miss.
J. E. Miller	Leakesville, Miss.
M. L. Taylor	McLain, Miss.
Irvin Byrd	Richton, Miss., Route 4
J. W. Mills	Leakesville, Miss., Route 1
H. W. Byrd	Richton, Miss., Route 1
W. E. Turner	Leakesville, Miss.
A. A. Huggins	Vinegar Bend., Ala., Route 1
Willie Fike	Neely, Miss.
F. V. Rithie	Avera, Miss.
J. E. Henderson	Pine, Miss.
J. C. Williams	Fruitdale, Ala.
Harmon Brewer	State Line, Miss.
J. C. Henderson	Richton, Miss., Route 5
L. L. Henderson	County Line, Miss.

## PROCEEDINGS

### First Day—Morning Session

Neely, Miss., Oct. 14, 1921.

The Greene County Baptist Association met this day in its first annual session, with Joe Walley as Moderator and E. L. Turner Secretary. It was called to order at 11 o'clock, and after several songs, A. L. O'Briant conducted the devotional exercises.

C. M. Grayson, the one appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, not having arrived, his alternate, L. B. Golden, preached at this hour.

On motion the body adjourned for dinner, to meet again at 1:30 o'clock.

### First Day—Afternoon Session

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after being led in prayer by E. M. Ball, the Moderator proceeded to organize the Association for business. J. W. James, R. L. Walley, and Melton W. Walley were appointed as Finance Committee; and Nevels Breland, A. H. Harvison, and J. C. Henderson were appointed as reading clerks.

Letters from the different churches were called for, read by the reading clerks, and messengers seated as follows:

Avoca—Mr. R. Pendley, Mrs. R. Pendley, and Mrs. A. H. Taylor.

Antioch—Represented by letter.

Bethany—A. A. Huggins.

Cedar Grove—S. R. Breland and C. L. Kittrell.

County Line—Not represented.

Fellowship—J. W. James.

Johnson Creek—Represented by letter.

Leaf—J. C. Daughdrill, B. C. Daughdrill, and Mrs. Walter McKay.

Leakesville—E. L. Turner, Newton James, and Mrs. Eliza Evans.

McLain—M. L. Taylor, Mrs. M. L. Taylor, and Mrs. B. M. DeShazo.

Mt. Vernon—J. E. Henderson and J. R. Black.



Macedonia—Luther Williams, and J. C. Williams.  
 Pleasant Hill—D. C. Turner.  
 Sand Hill—R. L. Walley, Melton Walley, and E. N. Beard.  
 Sweet Water—J. D. Turner, W. L. Turner, and W. P. Rhinehart.  
 Salem (new)—T. E. Beard and Guy Mills.  
 Salem—N. Brewer and J. C. Henderson.  
 Unity—E. M. Ball.  
 Washington—H. N. Breland, A. H. Harvison and L. J. Hathorn.

### **Correspondence Received**

Correspondents from other Associations were called for and received as follows:

A. L. O'Briant—State Convention Board.  
 J. L. Jackson—Washington County (Ala.).

### **Correspondence Arranged**

The following correspondents were elected to go to other Associations and Conventions:

Baptist State Convention—Joe Walley.  
 Wayne County Association—Melton W. Walley.

On motion the body went into formal organization which resulted in the election of the following officers: Joe Walley Moderator, and Newton James, Secretary-Treasurer.

At this time the Moderator recognized A. L. O'Briant, Enlistment Missionary from this district, who, in a very interesting manner, addressed the Association along the general lines of his work, and the importance of Baptists meeting their pledges to the "75 Million Campaign."

The following committees were appointed and announced by the Moderator:

Program Committee—H. N. Breland, A. H. Harvison and L. J. Hathorn.

Periodicals and Publications—L. B. Golden, C. L. Kittrell and S. R. Breland.

Denominational Education—J. C. Daughdrill, R. Pendley and W. L. Turner.

Baptist Orphanage—J. W. James, N. Brewer and J. L. Jackson.

Temperance—J. C. Henderson, Melton W. Walley and Mrs. R. Pendley.

Music—E. M. Ball, Mrs. A. H. Taylor and Luther Williams.

Sunday Schools—T. E. Beard, W. P. Rhinehart and A. L. O'Briant.

Memorials—J. D. Turner, Guy Mills and D. C. Turner.

Ministerial Relief—L. J. Hathorn and A. L. O'Briant.

State Missions; Home Missions; Foreign Missions—L. B. Golden, A. L. O'Briant and M. L. Taylor.

W. M. U.—Mrs. R. Pendley, Mrs. A. H. Taylor, Mrs. Eliza Evans and Mrs. B. M. DeShazo.

B. Y. P. U.—L. B. Golden, N. Brewer and W. P. Rhinehart.

Queries, Requests & Nominations—Melton W. Walley, T. E. Beard and J. C. Williams.

Resolutions—A. H. Harvison, Nevels Breland and R. Pendley.

Digest of Reports—L. B. Golden and Newton James.

The Association adjourned, after prayer by A. L. O'Briant, until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

### **Second Day—Morning Session**

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock, with all officers present. L. B. Golden conducted Devotional Exercises.

The Moderator appointed the following Executive Board for the Association: Avera, F. V. Ritchie; Antioch, D. R. Williams; Bethany, A. A. Huggins; Cedar Grove, C. L. Kittrell. County Line, L. L. Henderson; Fellowship, Roy Kittrel; Johnson Creek, Harmon Brewer; Leaf, J. C. Daughdrill; Leakesville, J. E. Miller; McLain, M. L. Taylor; Mt. Vernon, J. E. Henderson; Macedonia, J. C. Williams; Pleasant Hill, Irvin Byrd; Sand Hill, H. W. Byrd; Sweet Water, W. E. Turner; Salem (new), J. W. Mills; Salem, J. C. Henderson; Unity, E. M. Ball (Chairman); Washington, Willie F. Ke.

The Program Committee reported that L. B. Golden would preach at 11 o'clock Saturday, C. M. Grayson at 7:30 Saturday night, and A. L. O'Briant at 11 o'clock Sunday.

The Moderator then called for reports of Committees.

Report on State Missions was read by A. L. O'Briant, discussed by him, and adopted as read.

### Report on State Missions

Our State Mission Work is divided into departments. It was laid out for 1921 on a basis of \$129,000.00.

1. Church Extension—We are assisting 154 churches to pay their pastors and the building of 31 church houses. For church buildings \$19,857.74. For pastoral support \$36,667.00.

2. Enlistment and Associational work—We have six general enlistment men in the field and 21 missionaries.

3. Schools—There are 26 schools in the state largely supported by the State Mission Board.

4. Evangelistic Campaign—We had a great school of evangelism in Clinton for four days. One hundred and seventy-five preachers attended. Nearly all the 1600 churches enlisted for evangelistic services, and reported up until August 15th 4,755 additions.

5. Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Work—An appropriation of \$13,600 was made for this work. Over 6,000 Sunday School seals and diplomas have been given. Mississippi is leading in such work done. We now have over 450 B. Y. P. U's in the state and over 1,000 rewards have been given.

6. W. M. U. Work—There are 706 Missionary Societies, 433 Auxiliaries. Over 1300 certificates have been given. They have given exclusive of the "75 Million," \$57,948.57.

7. 75 Million Campaign—We have received in the last 12 months \$485,388.41. Distributed as follows: Foreign Missions, \$123,744.04; Home Missions, \$77,662.15; State Missions, \$92,223.80; General Objects, \$8,736.99; Ministerial Relief, \$6,795.44; Orphanage, \$14,000.00; South Wide Objects, \$19,415.53; Christian Education, \$116,493.22; Hospitals, \$25,725.99. The entire campaign expenses are right at 5 per cent. This can be reduced by all paying their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign.

9. Recommendations — 1. That an earnest, vigorous campaign be put on by the churches during the months of November and December for the collection of outstanding pledges. 2. That all our



churches do their best to become self-supporting. 3. That each church accept its quota of tithers consisting of one-sixth of its membership and enlist these in November. 4. That the executive committee of the association approve any application to the State Board for help until an every-member canvass of its membership has been made. 5. That all of the churches strive to unite all their forces in carrying out a uniform denominational program.

Respectfully submitted—L. B. Golden, A. L. O'Briant, M L. Taylor.

Report on Home Missions was read by L. B. Golden, and after being discussed by L. B. Golden, L. K. Turner and C. M. Grayson was adopted as read.

#### **Report on Home Missions**

The Home Mission Board is the only inter-state missionary organization of Southern Baptists. Its work is largely co-operative in connection with various State Mission agencies. Through this agency Southern Baptists, in the largest way, make it possible for the strong to help the weak. It forms a bond of union and has probably been the greatest force among Southern Baptists for the unification of our denomination.

The problem in the cities of the South is growing acute in many places like Birmingham, St. Louis, New Orleans, and Memphis. The Home Mission Board is helping to solve this problem and to meet the demands as rapidly as funds will justify.

In the country lies the greatest numerical strength of the Baptists, and yet there is found our greatest weakness in point of efficiency. Through the missionary and enlistment forces of the Home Mission Board much is being done to conserve our vast host of country Baptists and to enlist them in our denominational work.

In 1920, the spirit of the brotherhood being so optimistic in view of our great success in the 75 Million Campaign, the board, by the urgent advice of the various State Mission Secretaries, was emboldened to project its work on a new and greatly enlarged scale. At that time cotton was forty cents a pound. The prices dropped so suddenly and drastically that

during half the year cotton was only about 10 cents. This brought a serious financial situation with the Board. Heavy obligations had been assumed which could not be cast off. The Board retrenched wherever it was possible. But in spite of this it had to report a debt of \$727,622. The Board needs immediate help in order to maintain its credit at the banks, to meet the current expense, and lessen the burdensome debt.

Yet the results of the year's work are truly remarkable:

In the Evangelistic Department there were 15,567 baptisms; 22,689 additions to the churches.

Among the Foreigners, Indians, and Negroes there were 2,157 baptisms and 3,208 additions to the churches; in Cuba and Panama 178 additions to the churches; the contributions of the native churches were \$11,849.

In Co-operative Missions there were 25,532 baptisms; 50,307 additions. In our Sanatorium for the sufferers of the Great White Plaque there were 208 patients treated. Its property is worth \$400,000. In the work among the Soldiers and Seamen there were 3,331 professions of faith. In thirty-seven mountain schools, where we have property valued at \$1,688,000, there were 6,183 conversions. In Church Extension the Board aided 824 churches with loans or gifts and there were 1,084 others asking for aid which could not be helped because of lack of funds.

We recommend that earnest prayer be offered constantly in behalf of great Home Mission Board work and that the churches immediately come to the help of the Board with contributions in order that the glorious work may be carried forward and the Board may soon be relieved of its burdensome debt.

Respectfully submitted—L. B. Golden, A. L. O'Briant, M. L. Taylor.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by M. L. Taylor, discussed by A. L. O'Briant, and adopted as read.

#### **Report on Foreign Missions**

Our foreign mission field today lies in China, Japan, Africa, South America, Italy, and Mexico. New

fields in Europe are being opened up as rapidly as possible.

The uplifting effects of the 75 Million Campaign have been keenly felt in the foreign fields. The per capita gifts of our foreign fields last year amounted to a little over five dollars. Whereas they amounted to two dollars per member in the South.

The number of baptisms on the foreign fields this past year was 6,998. We now have 611 churches of which 187, or nearly one-third are self-supporting. 347 of these own their own houses of worship. 405 foreign missionaries are now under appointment, 72 were sent out during the past year and 52 have just sailed this past August.

978 native workers are employed. These workers are never received by our Board until they are thoroughly tested.

We have 21 foreign mission physicians and 8 foreign mission nurses. These last year treated 154,070 cases.

Our 632 schools are crowded with 22,866 students. Of these 284 are theological students. This represents an increase over last year of 68 schools and 4,352 students. These schools throb with life and possibilities. The graduating class in one young woman's school in China consisted of twelve members and seven of them were called by the Lord into mission service. Have we a school in America with so great a percentage of missionaries in one class?

The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board for the year ending May 4, 1921 were \$2,432,423.84.

Recommendations—Your committee recommends first that this Association pledge itself with such fervor to our 75 Million Campaign that we shall meet our obligations to our Lord's Cause in the foreign field. 2nd—This Association shall pledge itself to earnestly pray that God may call from within our bonds some workers for His Vineyard. this coming year. 3rd—That we further pledge ourselves to make an earnest STUDY of the work on our foreign fields until a thorough knowledge of needs will bring a full realization into our hearts and lives of the meaning of the Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted—L. B. Golden, A. L. O'Briant, M. L. Taylor.



At 11 o'clock the business of the Association was suspended, and after singing "Amazing and Grace," L. B. Golden preached.

The Body adjourned, after prayer by C. M. Grayson, until 1:30.

### **Second Day—Afternoon Session**

The Association reassembled pursuant to adjournment at 1:30, and E. M. Ball led in prayer.

W. M. U. Report was read by Mrs. B. M. DeShazo, discussed by Mrs. DeShazo, A. L. O'Briant, L. B. Golden and C. M. Grayson, and adopted as read.

### **Report on Woman's Missionary Union**

The W. M. U. is composed of the following Organizations: Woman's Missionary Society, Young Womens' Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors for boys and Sunbeams for little folks.

The Union sets for itself five definite aims: Stewardship, Service, Study, Supplication and Soul-Winning.

Our women are learning that Stewardship involves far more than the meeting of our Campaign pledges, church expenses or giving of any material substance like money. Yet these matters are being stressed as of very special importance; so much that while our first year was regarded as "Victory" year in the Campaign and our second year as "Loyalty" year, this is looked upon as the "Sacrificial" year by the W. M. U. Our women are stressing the fact that aside from the giving of money we must needs give time, strength, heart and interest to needy lives and worthy causes.

Service of intensely personal nature expends itself by the W. M. U. in the sending of boxes to Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers, and Ministerial Students; in the education of four young women in our Baptist Colleges thus preparing them for lives of service; in the sending of eleven young women to our Training School to prepare them for efficient work on the home or foreign field; and service among our young people is especially shown in the giving of books for foreign missionaries' libraries.

Study courses are being carried on as never before by the entire W. M. U. This is specially noted among our Young People's Organizations.

Supplication and Soul-Winning are twin aims, deeply set in the hearts and lives of our women who are longing to see the coming of the Kingdom; to see the Kingdom made ready for the return of the king.

This report sets forth the following recommendations: 1st—That each pastor in our Association be requested to organize in his churches each Branch of the W. M. U. wherever practicable, for the sole purpose of teaching missions.

2nd—That this Association plan for a Missionary Institute embracing three days in which will be taught missions to our women and young people.

Respectfully submitted.—Mrs. R. Pendley, Mrs. A. H. Taylor, Mrs. Eliza Evans, Mrs. B. M. DeShazo.

Report on Music was read by E. M. Ball, and after being discussed by E. M. Ball, L. K. Turner, C. M. Grayson, L. B. Golden, and Melton W. Walley, was adopted.

#### **Report On Music**

Your committee on music begs to report as follows.

Music is the beginning and ending of every service. There should be a distinction between the kinds of music used in different services. Gospel songs should be used in church services, and likewise, Sunday School songs should be used in every Sunday School.

Music used in the proper way harmonizes the congregation, prepares it for the services, and gives the right-of-way for the gospel when preached.

Music is the factor used in attracting people to attend church services. So, every one should strive to make the best music possible with each service.

We recommend that each Baptist Church in the Association supply itself with "The Popular Hymnal" to be used in regular church and Sunday School services.

Respectfully submitted.—E. M. Ball, Mrs. A. H. Taylor, Luther Williams.

B. Y. P. U. Report was read by L. B. Golden, and adopted after being discussed by L. K. Turner and A. L. O'Briant.

### Report on B. Y. P. U. Work

An efficient church member is one who zealously (1) attends all services of his church; (2) prays both in private and public; (3) reads his Bible; (4) puts into the Lord's treasury at least one-tenth of what the Lord puts into his treasury; (5) is hospitable and cordial; (6) is willing to teach a Sunday School Class, lead the prayer meeting or serve on a committee if called on; (7) concerns himself about the lost, and is interested in the training and development of the saved.

The efficient B. Y. P. U. discovers, develops, and delivers to the church just such members; therefore the need of a B. Y. P. U. in every church.

OUR PROGRAM is therefore two-fold:

1. To organize as many B. Y. P. U.'s as possible.
2. To develop the union to the point of efficiency, the first step being to teach to the union the B. Y. P. U. manual.

OUR PLAN is—

1. To organize in every county an annual County B. Y. P. U. Convention. Organize in every church a B. Y. P. U. and see that the manual is taught.
2. To hold in each of the six Missionary Districts of the state an annual district B. Y. P. U. Convention. These organizations will be a great asset to the B. Y. P. U. work.

OUR PROGRESS.

Last year nearly 500 unions reported, and by the close of this year we should have not less than 750.

AWARDS—In Study Course Books.

We have for Seniors, the B. Y. P. U. Manual Training in Church Membership, Training in the Baptist Spirit, Training in Christian Service, Training in Stewardship; for Juniors, the Junior Manual and Studying for Service. More than 1000 awards have been given this year in Mississippi for the completion of some one of these books.

A-1 UNIONS.

Our list of A-1 Unions is growing, reaching thirty-five during the year, about equally divided between



juniors and seniors. We have about half dozen unions 100 per cent in Bible Readings and twenty or more 100 per cent in giving.

#### OUR SUMMER WORK.

We have had during the summer months two extra B. Y. P. U. workers who have been teaching the two Manuals and organizing B. Y. P. U.'s. These two workers have done excellent work. The plan of operation has been to hold three-day institutes in churches, teaching B. Y. P. U. Methods.

FOR INFORMATION—Any B. Y. P. U. can and ought to write our State Sec'y., Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss.

Respectfully submitted.—L. B. Golden, N. Brewer, W. P. Rhinehart.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read and discussed by A. L. O'Briant.

#### Report On Ministerial Relief

We believe that the minister who has come to his day of retirement, or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same thing is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this state, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years.

Located in Dallas is the Convention Board, known as the Relief and Annuity Board, which has taken over the work of the states. The aim of this Board is to give aid to the disabled ministers, as well as those who have grown old in the service, and have come to their day of need and retirement, and to their widows and orphan children such aid as their exigencies demand, and as their financial condition will allow. The Board now has a beneficiary list of between seven and eight hundred. Others are being added each month.

Our aim should be to persuade our people to say to the ministers of active service today: "Give yourself to the work whole heartedly; spend yourself freely; be not afraid; we do not pay you just

the salary that we ought, but this we do, we solemnly promise that we will stand by you; if you fall in the work we will care for you; if you die we will not permit your family to suffer; if you grow old in it we will comfort your declining years." Just that and nothing short of it should be the attitude of our great denomination toward its ministry. If we could that, so as to carry conviction to the men of the hard fields and the small salaries, we would put new life into them, we would greatly increase their efficiency, and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

Respectfully submitted.—L. J. Hathorn, A. L. O'Briant.

Report on Publications was read by L. B. Golden, and after several short discussions, was adopted.

#### **Report On Publications**

People whose citizenship is in Heaven will be loyal to the truth and work of the kingdom of Heaven. To be loyal to it they must know about it. But no one can have a part in it who does not familiarize himself with its movements by reading the denominational paper every week.

If we are to think on the things that are true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely, and of good report, we must not be satisfied with stuffing our minds with the works of the devil as they are portrayed in the secular press.

If we are to be our brother's keeper we must not only read what is good ourselves, but get him to do likewise. The responsibility of the pastor and the church for all the members will logically lead to putting the Baptist Record in every home. All A-1 standards are incomplete that do not include the reading of the Baptist Record, Home and Foreign Fields, and our Sunday School literature.

We would recommend two ways of getting the Baptist Record into the homes of our people:

1. Put the cost of the Baptist Record into the local expense budget and send the paper to every home represented in the church.
2. Appoint a committee on religious literature whose duty it shall be to make a thorough canvass

of the church membership at least once each year in an effort to secure subscriptions for the Baptist Record, Home and Foreign Fields, and Royal Service.

Respectfully submitted.—L. B. Golden, C. L. Kittrell, S. R. Breland.

---

Report on Temperance was read by Melton W. Walley, and after being discussed by A. L. O'Briant, C. M. Grayson, L. B. Golden, and D. C. Turner, was adopted.

### **Report On Temperance**

Your committee on temperance begs to submit the following report:

As whiskey is one of the main things that is destroying the morals of our country, it behooves us as faithful citizens to stand by our officials in their efforts to stamp it out of existence.

One of the worst things that confronts us at the present time is the large number of illicit stills, and the boot-legging and debauchery that follows.

The great waves of lawlessness that sweep our state come as a challenge to Christian manhood.

It seems that just when the Federal government extends its strong arm of co-operation with the states that an effort is made to shift the whole burden to the shoulders of the Federal authorities. It was not contemplated that the states should relax in their efforts to enforce their laws and depend so largely upon the Federal activities. We must realize that we are allies against a common foe and that the fullest co-operation must be maintained. There is no time for lovers of church, Sunday School, home, and happiness to sleep. No army can afford to disband or decrease when the enemy is strengthening its line. The slogan should be "Up and doing."

The voice of the ministry should ring out in clarion tones calling our people to a great revival of prohibition sentiment. Much more money and labor must be expended for all we have achieved thus far is imperiled.

We most sincerely request that every Christian man, woman, boy, and girl awake, heed the call and

go forward in the great battle for the Master.

Respectfully submitted.—Melton W. Walley, J.  
C. Henderson, Mrs. R. Pendley.

Report on Memorials was read by J. D. Turner, and adopted as read.

### Report On Memorials

We, your Committee on Memorials, beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to take from this world into the great beyond the following brethren and sisters:

Avera—A. J. Scott.

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Ovella Dearman.

Johnson Creek—George Elliott.

Leaf—Gertrude McLendon.

Leakesville—George W. Bearry.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Josiah Byrd.

Sand Hill—Sam Wade, and Carrie Walley.

Washington—R. N. Byrd.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That in the passing of these sisters and brethren, this association has suffered a great loss on earth, but have a new link in the chain that binds us to Heaven.

2. That this Association feels and extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

3. That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Associational Minutes and a copy of the minutes be sent to each family.

Respectfully submitted.—J. D. Turner, D. C. Turner, Guy Mills.

Report on Queries, Requests, and Nominations was read by Melton W. Walley, discussed by several, and adopted as read.

### Report On Queries, Requests, and Nominations

We, your Committee on Queries, Requests, and Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

That the Greene County Baptist Association hold its next regular meeting with Sand Hill Baptist Church, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October



13, 14, and 15, 1922.

Respectfully submitted.—Melton W. Walley, J.  
C. Williams, T. E. Beard.

Ordered by the Association that the Secretary-Treasurer have 300 copies of the Minutes of this Association printed, and that he pay for same out of the funds of the Association.

Ordered by the Association that the Secretary-Treasurer be allowed the sum of \$15.00 for his services in keeping the proceedings of the Association.

On motion the body adjourned to meet at 9:30 Sunday morning.

### **Third Day—Morning Session**

After several songs, and prayer by C. M. Grayson, the Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9:30

The Moderator appointed J. S. Starnes, Purvis, Mississippi, to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association, and L. B. Golden, Leakesville, Mississippi, his alternate.

Report on Sunday School was read by Melton W. Walley, and discussed by A. L. O'Briant and J. E. Byrd. It was adopted as read.

### **Report On Sunday Schools**

We should not in any way minimize the evangelistic opportunity in our Sunday School but we should emphasize the great need of enlisting and teaching the membership of all of our churches.

Perhaps the one outstanding need in our schools today is to reach the senior and adult departments. New emphasis is being given to these departments by having an "Organized Class Department," with a general secretary, who furnishes all the needed literature and such other information as will contribute to the enlargement of these departments.

In addition to our regular literature we call special attention to the "Sunday School Builder" and the "Organized Class Magazine."

The following paragraphs deserve our most thoughtful consideration:

1. Our "church building movement" as fostered by Dr. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board. Many of our church houses need remodeling and many other congregations are planning to build new houses. We can never have great Sunday Schools nor efficient schools any way measuring up to their opportunities until we have houses adapted to modern Sunday School work.

2. We cannot too strongly emphasize the need of better trained teachers. The very purpose of a school is to teach and we can never have the highest type of teaching without equipped and trained teachers. During the first six months of this year Mississippi has given out more than 250 awards to people who have completed some book in the training course.

As a means of extending our Sunday School work, we most earnestly request and urge our pastors, superintendents, and teachers to take an interest in, plan for and attend County Sunday School Normals, and at least one of our many summer assemblies. These are for the express purpose of training Sunday School workers for all of our churches.

Respectfully submitted.—T. E. Beard, W. F. Rhinehart, A. L. O'Briant.

The following report on Christian Education was read and adopted by the Association:

#### **Report On Christian Education**

Given somebody to be taught and a vitally active Christian to teach him and you have Christian education. In this case the desire to find and teach the truth as has to do with human character, usefulness, and destiny will be the purpose of the teacher, and loyalty to Christ his highest ambition.

As a people, Baptists stand today for the best possible teaching and training for the whole people. Our very principles lead us inevitably to an unwavering belief in universal education. Baptist democracy certainly means equal privileges for all on the basis that all are entitled to the best of which they are capable simply because of the inherent rights which pertain to human beings. With Baptists, as with the Lord, there should be no respect of persons.

In this large scheme for the education of "all the children of all the people," we have our place to fill and manifold duties to perform. It is our manifest duty, and privilege as well, to make our denominational schools of the highest efficiency. To do this will require great equipment in every department, and the employment of teaching ability of the highest type. Baptist Buildings ought to be permanent buildings. "Just anything that will do," ought not to be the slogan of Baptists. This means, of course, that the need for money in ever enlarging amounts will be a necessity. And this necessity will become greater as the years come and go.

Since practically all the preparation for entrance into our denominational schools must be had in the public schools of the State, it would seem to be the part of wisdom for our people to see to it that only active Christian teachers are employed in our schools. It may well be doubted whether any person not an active Christian ought to teach in any kind of school. Baptists pay a large part of the taxes of the State, and they have a perfect right to insist that the teachers should be of the highest type of Christian character. They should also insist that teachers in both denominational schools and all others, should be paid respectable salaries for their work. One of the crying shames of the nation is the way it has, up to this time, treated its teachers. We commend most heartily the increase of salaries in all our denominational schools, but in many cases they are still inadequate.

We call special attention to the schools in our State under the control of Baptists. These are our schools for women, the Woman's College and Blue Mountain College; Clarke Memorial College for both young men and young women; and Mississippi College, our great college for men. These are worthy of the patronage they are receiving, and all of them should be more and more on the hearts of our people.

It gives your committee great pleasure to call the attention of our Association to the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. By all means there ought to be a large number of students from our bounds

in this institution. It stands for every phase of practical Christian training.

We believe that all our denominational interests, the vital interests of universal education, and the best interests of the State will all be best served by making our schools just as great and efficient as money and men and Baptist ideals of democracy can make them. Therefore, we call upon our people everywhere to pray for, to give to, and to send to these schools in ever increasing numbers their sons and daughters.

Respectfully submitted.—J. C. Daughdrill, R. Pendley, W. L. Turner.

Report on Baptist Orphanages was read and adopted as follows:

#### **Report On Baptist Orphanages**

In making a survey of the various objects supported by Southern Baptists, we have come to the conclusion that the Baptist Orphanage is foremost of them all.

The first duty of a loyal Baptist is to help those who cannot help themselves. We urge that all the members of the various churches in the Greene County Association do their best to live up to their obligations to the \$75,000,000 Campaign, and further urge that all who have not subscribed to this campaign, do something to brighten the countenance of some poor boy or girl.

There are a number of ways we can help. One is by sending all surplus non-perishable food products to them. Another is by donations, or sending any second hand clothing that is in fairly good condition.

We recommend that all Baptists in this Association give the helpless a fair consideration at all times, especially through the Christmas holidays. Do unto the unfortunate children as you would have others do unto yours if in the same condition.

Respectfully submitted.—J. W. James, N. Brewer, J. L. Jackson.



At 11 o'clock, the hour appointed for the preaching service, Bro. O'Briant yielded the floor to Bro. J. E. Byrd, who had a few minutes before appeared in the Association. Bro. Byrd, in his interesting and impressive way, addressed the Association on the important subject of "Christian Intelligence," using as a basis for his address 1 Peter, 3rd Chapter, and 15th verse.

On suggestion of the Moderator a collection was taken at this time for Bro. J. L. Jackson, which amounted to \$25.59.

The following Report of the Resolution Committee was read and adopted:

Resolved that we, the officers and messengers of the Greene County Baptist Association, do hereby tender our sincere thanks to the members of the Washington Baptist Church, and the people of the entire community for their kind hospitality while in their midst, and for their help and co-operation in their work.

Respectfully submitted.—A. H. Harvison, Nevels Breland, R. Pendley.

On motion the Association adjourned, to meet with Sand Hill Baptist Church, on Friday, the 13th day of October, 1922.

The congregation was dismissed with prayer by J. E. Byrd.

JOE WALLEY, Moderator.  
NEWTON JAMES, Sec.-Treas.

---

## CONSTITUTION

---

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Greene County Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this association shall be to carry out our Lord's command, viz: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And especially to promote the Sunday School cause, to encourage a deeper interest

in our denominational schools and literature; to encourage temperance; to use our best efforts to preach the gospel to the destitute, and to further any and all worthy benevolent enterprises.

Article 3. The membership of this body shall consist of messengers elected annually by the churches belonging to the association, with the resident pastors.

Article 4. This association shall meet annually at a time and place decided upon at the preceding meeting.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of each church belonging to this body to elect and send annually three messengers, together with a letter containing such information as may be required to make up intelligible tables of statistics.

Article 6. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be such as develop upon such officers.

Article 7. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of one member from each church belonging to this association, such members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and approved by the Association.

Article 8. This Board shall meet while the Association is in session and elect its own chairman and secretary, and attend to any other business that may be necessary, and shall hold its meetings regularly thereafter on Saturday before the fifth Sunday during the year. This Board shall have power to transact all business relating to the objects for which this Association stands. Five or more shall be constituted a quorum to transact business at any regular meeting.

Article 9. This Association shall never exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever over the churches.

Article 10. Corresponding messengers from other Associations and conventions of Missionary Baptists, and all brethren who may be invited to seats with us are entitled to all the privileges of the Association except the right to vote.

Article 11. Before the close of the meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall appoint a principle and an alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 12. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote, except that it

shall require a two-thirds vote to exclude a church, or alter the Constitution or Articles of Faith; and any such alteration shall be made only after one year's notice thereof has been given, it being definitely understood that Article 1 shall ever remain in full force.

Article 13. Every church belonging to this Association is expected to contribute regularly to the work of this Association, the contributing church or individual having the right to specify the object to which the contribution shall be applied.

Article 14. Every sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

### Articles Of Faith

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the undisputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of His church and that the government is with the church

each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

#### **Rules Of Decorum**

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer and benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches composing the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association. when if it is sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother" when addressing or speaking to each other: and one failing to observe this rule shall subject himself to reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.



Name of Church	SUNDAY SCHOOL				R. Y. P. U.				W. M. U.						
	No. Officers and Teachers	Number Pupils Enrolled	Number Baptisms From School	No. Unions	Name of Leader	Seniors	Juniors	Daily Bible Readers	Number Titlers	Name of President	No. Members	No. Circles	No. Mission Study Classes	No. Titlers	Has Union a Sunday Band?
Avera	J. M. Sartin	8	115	2						Mrs. R. Pendley	11			1	No
Antioch															
Bethany															
Cedar Grove	D. C. Conker	6	45	6											
County Line															
Fellowship	L. C. Kittrell	5	26												
Johnson Creek	H. Brewer	5	25												
Leaf	Walter McKay	5	59	3											
Leakesville	E. L. Turner	12	72	8						Mrs. A. Turner	10	25			
McLain	M. L. Taylor	7	42												
Mt. Vernon	T. R. Black	7	42												
Macedonia															
Pleasant Hill	E. T. Ham	6	11	4						W. H. Webb	4	34	15		
Sand Hill	R. L. Walley	8	80	12											
Sweet Water	D. D. Turner	17	125							Irvln Avera	20	40			
Salem (new)	E. Beard	4	45												
Salem	J. R. Walley														
Unity	M. W. Ball	8	94							A. Bradley	30	11			
Washington															
										Mrs. Lillie Brewer	21				Yes

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS.  
(Note: Sunday School Superintendents,  
B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. Presidents,  
have same address as church clerk.)

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES									
NAME OF CHURCH	CONTRIBUTION HOME EXPENSES				CONTRIBUTION DENOMINATIONAL OBJECT				
	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total Home Expenses	75 Million Campaign	Inside Benevolences	Total Denominational Objects	Grand Total	
Avera	\$500.00	\$ 19.50	\$130.18	\$955.18	\$ 21.50		\$ 21.50	\$737.18	
Antioch	45.65		14.10	59.75					
Bethany	224.00		68.00	292.50					
Cedar Grove	33.50			33.60					
County Line	92.00		26.00	118.00					
Fellowship	320.00	65.00	215.00	537.90	453.70		453.70	982.67	
Johnson Creek	300.00	80.00	148.97	528.97	66.00		66.00	403.95	
Leaf	240.00		97.95	337.95					
Leakesville	240.00		10.00	169.00					
McLain	159.00								
Mc. Vernon					80.00		80.00	321.00	
Macedonia	200.00		41.00	241.00			56.80	906.78	
Piespart Hill	199.19	600.00	110.79	909.98			56.80	708.00	
Sand Hill	350.00	175.00	38.00	563.00	145.00		145.00	304.42	
Sweet Water	6.40	150.00	23.50	179.90	124.53		124.53	206.25	
Salem (new)	150.00		13.25	163.25	93.00		93.00	685.61	
Salem	264.00	164.00	143.17	565.17	120.45		120.45	400.30	
Unity			98.30	398.30			2.00		
Washington									

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES									
NAME OF CHURCH	CONTRIBUTION HOME EXPENSES				CONTRIBUTION DENOMINATIONAL OBJECT				
	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total Home Expenses	75 Million Campaign	Inside Benevolences	Total Denominational Objects	Grand Total	
Avera	\$500.00	\$ 19.50	\$130.18	\$955.18	\$ 21.50		\$ 21.50	\$737.18	
Antioch	45.65		14.10	59.75					
Bethany	224.00		68.00	292.50					
Cedar Grove	33.50			33.60					
County Line	92.00		26.00	118.00					
Fellowship	320.00	65.00	217.90	537.90					
Johnson Creek	300.00	80.00	148.97	528.97	453.70		453.70	982.67	
Leaf	240.00		97.95	337.95	66.00		66.00	403.95	
Leakesville	240.00		10.00	169.00					
McLain	159.00								
Mc. Vernon					80.00		80.00	321.00	
Macedonia	200.00		41.00	241.00			56.80	906.78	
Piespart Hill	199.19	600.00	110.79	909.98			56.80	708.00	
Sand Hill	350.00	175.00	38.00	563.00	145.00		145.00	708.00	
Sweet Water	6.40	150.00	23.50	179.90	124.53		124.53	304.43	
Salem (new)	150.00		13.25	163.25	93.00		93.00	206.25	
Salem	264.00	164.00	143.17	565.17	120.45		120.45	685.61	
Unity									
Washington	300.00		98.30	398.30		\$ 2.00	2.00	400.30	

## Name of Church

PASTOR AND ADDRESS

## CLERK AND ADDRESS

Name of Church	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Increase			Decrease			Total Member-ship 1920	Total Member-
			By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Statement	By Letter	By Exclusion		
Avera	L. Low, Richton	A. B. Miles, Avera	44	3	19	1	2	1	64	1
Antioch	L. B. Golden, Leakesville	P. E. Williams, Leakesville	48			1		1	46	1
Bethany	Luther Upton, Eucatanua	J. E. Williams, Fruitdale (Ala.)	16	8	6			1	28	1
Cedar Grove	L. K. Turner, Richton, R 4	D. C. Conker, Leakesville, R 1	146				3	2	140	1
County Line										
Fellowship	L. B. Golden	J. W. James, Leakesville, R 1	35						32	1
Johnson Creek	L. W. Singley, Millry (Ala.)	Isiah Brewer, State Line	81	1	2				82	1
Leaf	F. M. Grayson, Magee	J. C. Daughdrill, Leaf	52	4	1				58	1
Leakesville	L. B. Golden	A. F. Cook, Leakesville	96	11	3				108	1
McLain	T. S. Starnes, Purvis	W. D. Daughdrill, McLain	99	7	2				108	1
Mt. Vernon	I. E. Curry, Richton	J. R. Black, Plave	10	2					20	1
Macedonia	Luther Upton	W. J. Williams, Jr., Fruitdale (Ala.)	15	5	2				113	1
Pleasant Hill	C. M. Grayson	T. G. Byrd, Richton, R 4	141	10	2			6	16	1
Sand Hill	T. S. Starnes	E. N. Beard, Richton, R 1	146	24	1			4	214	1
Sweet Water	L. B. Golden	W. E. Turner, Leakesville, R 1	83	13	2			1	97	1
Salem (new)	L. B. Golden	T. W. Mills, Leakesville, R 1	52					1	53	1
Salem	I. E. Curry	J. C. Henderson, Richton, R 1	95	1					36	1
Unity	L. K. Turner	E. M. Ball, Leakesville, R 1	82					1	81	1
Washington	F. M. Grayson	T. N. Breland, Neely	110		8				112	1

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH	Organized	Meeting Sunday	Seating Capacity	S. S. Rooms	Value of Church Property
Avera .....	1920	2nd	300	2	\$1600
Anthloch .....	1916	1st	...	...	...
Bethany .....	...	3rd	300	...	1250
Cedar Grove .....	...	...	...	...	...
County Line .....	...	4th	200	...	750
Fellowship .....	1877	...	...	...	300
Johnson Creek .....	...	3rd	...	...	2000
Leaf .....	1905	1st	500	2	5000
Leakesville .....	...	...	300	...	1050
McLain .....	1829	1st	...	...	...
Mt. Vernon .....	...	1st	...	...	...
Macedonia .....	...	1st	...	...	1100
Pleasant Hill .....	...	1st	350	...	2500
Sand Hill .....	...	2nd	350	...	1750
Sweet Water .....	1914	3rd	300	...	1000
Salem (new) .....	...	2nd	...	...	500
Salem .....	1913	2nd	250	...	750
Unity .....	...	2nd	300 <sup>1st</sup>	...	1100
Washington .....	...	...	...	...	...





